(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed for procurement of brand new ground handling equipments worth Rs. 1 crore by the two airlines;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken to utilise this equipment?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Air India has not purchased any new ground handling equipment for positioning the same at Trivandrum airport. Equipment acquired by Indian Airlines will be used by it to supplement the ground handling equipment at other major bases and here is no wastage.

मध्य प्रदेश में तेल शोधक कारखाना

1034. **श्री राघवजी :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अगस्त, 1991 में मध्य प्रदेश विधान सभा ने सर्वसम्मति से एक प्रस्ताव पारित किया था कि उस राज्य में एक तेल शोधक कारखाना स्थापित किया जाए ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर केंद्रीय सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ;

(ग) क्या इस संबंध में पहले किसी प्रकार के परीक्षण किए गए हैं, यदि हां, तो उन परीक्षणों का क्या परिणाम निकला है ; और

(घ) यदि उपर्युक्त मांग उचित है, तो उक्त तेल-शोधक कारखाने के कब तक चालू हो जाने की संभावना है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी. शंकरानन्द) : (क) से (घ) मध्य प्रदेश सरकार के अनुसार मध्य प्रदेश विधान सभा ने एक प्रस्ताव पारित किया है जिसमें भारत सरकार से अनुरोध किया गया है कि वे अन्य परियोजनाओं के साथ-साथ मध्य प्रदेश में एक ग्रासरूट रिफाइनरी की मंजूरी दें। मैसर्स भारत पट्रोलियम कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड (बी०पी० सी०एल०) ने मध्य प्रदेश भारत में 6 एम० टी० पी० ए० की ग्रासरूट रिफाइनरी स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत किया है। यह प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है।

Performance of rural electrification Corporation Schemes during the original time frame

1035. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:
SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of rural electrification projects sanctioned by R.E.C. upto 31st March, 1991;

(b) what is the number of Rural Electrification Schemes, which as per the time frame set out in original sanctioned schemes have achieved targets upto (i) 100 per cent (ii) 75 to 100 per cent (iii) 50 to 75 per cent, (iv) 25 to 50 per cent and (p) below 25 per cent; and

(c) whether Government propose to enuire into (i) reasons for shortfalls in timely achievement of project targets, (ii) relevance and usefulness of Rural Electrification Corporation in ensuring timely achievement of Project targets, as originally sanctioned by it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The total number of rural electrification projects sanctioned by Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) upto 31.3.1991 was 23,071.

(b) and (c) While REC schemes have varying completion periods ranging upto 5 years, the works to be taken up under the schemes have to be restricted within the allocation made on year to year basis. The overall targets fixed by the Planning Commission for REC financial programmes for village electrifications and pumpset energisation on year to year basis have been fully achieved during the Seventh Plan as also in 1990-91.

Closure of rural electrification corporation scheme

1036. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Rural Electrification Schemes sanctioned by Rural Electrification Corporation as on the 31st March, 1991;

(b) what is the total number of Rural Electrification Schemes which are (i) closed (ii) inoperative (ii) operatonal;

(c) what is the numebr of closed schemes, which had achieved targets upto (i) 100 per cent (ii) 75 per cent to 100 per cent (iii) 50 per cent to 75 per cent (iv) 25 per cent to 50 per cent and (v) below 25 per cent; and

(d) what are the reasons for closure of Rural Electrification Schemes with less than 100 per cent achievement of the targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The total number of rural electrification schemes sanctioned by Rural Electrification Corporation upto 31.3.1992 was 23,071.

(b) 4802 schemes have been closed. 8845 schemes are considered inoperative and 9414 schemes are operational.

(c) The level of achievement of targets in respect of closed scheme are as under:—

	No. of schemes
(i) 100%	2339
(ii) 75—100%	1002
(iii) 50—75%	798
(iv) 25—50%	514
(v) below 25%	149

(d) The REC's schemes have varying completion periods ranging upto 5 years. However, the works on the scheme have to be restricted within the annual allocations, resulting in certain initially envisaged programmes not being taken up fully. Load development are also affected due to erratic and poor availability of supply, lack of credit support to consumers etc.

Supply of Gas in Himachal Pradesh villages

1037. SHRI CHANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people of village and P.O. Jangla area Tehsil Chirgaon, District Shimla (Himachal Pradesh) are denied LPG connections from Himachal Pradesh State Civil Supply Corporation Rohru, District Shimla (Himachal Pradesh) on the grounds that these are situated at a distance of more than 16 Km.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if so, whether Government are considering a proposal to provide LPG connections to the people of the aforesaid village from Himachal Pradesh State Civil Supply Corporation, Rohru (Shimla) Himachal Pradesh?